GERMANY

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Year of EU entry: Founding member (1952)

Capital city: Berlin

Total area: 356 854 km²

Population: 82 million

Currency: Euro-Member of the eurozone since 1999 (€)

Schengen area: Member of the Schengen area since 1985

Germany



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GEOGRAPHY

Germany has the largest population of any EU country and is the most widely spoken first language in the European Union.

Its territory stretches from the North Sea and the Baltic in the north to the Alps in the south and is traversed by some of Europe's major rivers such as the Rhine, Danube and Elbe.

POLITICS

Germany is a federal republic. The lawmakers at the national level are the Bundestag, whose members are elected every four years by popular vote and the Bundesrat, which consists of 69 representatives of the 16 states (Bundesländer). The current prime minister (chanceler in Germany) Angela Merkel who is in his second term of four years until November 2013.

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Berlim Wall

HISTORY

After the Second World War, Germany was divided into the democratic West and the Communist East (German Democratic Republic). The Berlin Wall became the symbol of this division. It fall in 1989 and Germany was reunited one year later.



ECONOMY

Germany is the world's third largest economy, producing automobiles, precision engineering products, electronic, communications equipment, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, and much more besides. Its companies have invested heavily in the central and east European countries which joined the EU in 2004.

FAMOUS GERMAN PEOPLE

As birthplace of Johann Sebastian Bach, Ludwig van Beethoven, Johannes Brahms and Richard Wagner, among others, Germany's gift to European classical music is important. In thought and word, Germany’s huge heritage includes the works of Luther, Goethe, Schiller, Nietzsche, Kant, Brecht and Thomas Mann. The famous leader known of all time is Adolf Hitler, but he wasn’t Germany it’s from Austria-Hungary.

Brothers grim, Albert Einstein, the pop rock bands, [Scorpions](http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scorpions), [Rammstein](http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rammstein" \o "Rammstein) e [Tokio Hotel](http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tokio_Hotel" \o "Tokio Hotel) are examples of recent famous people.

  

Hitler

Beethoven

FOOD AND DRINK

Drink: Germany is the second largest producer of hops in the world and the country is known for its quality beers. Wine is produced in the Moselle and Rhine valleys. The popular drink it’s beer but wine has making fans

Food: the pork meet is eaten in form of sausage (Bratwurst)is still eaten a lot and all kinds of potato dishes are also popular the salad of potato( [Kartoffelsalat](http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kartoffelsalat" \o "Kartoffelsalat)). Sauerkraut (cabbage in vinegar brine) no longer features prominently. The south culinary are mixed with culinary of Switzerland and Austria. The black florest (make with cherries) it’s the most important cake.

 

**Black florest**

**Bratwurst**

in German cuisine.

http://europa.eu/about-eu/countries/member-countries/germany/index\_en.htm

Find Out: Where in Germany was the composer Ludwig Van Beethoven born?